

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "SOIL SAMPLE PROCURING TOOL AND ASSOCIATED METHOD OF TESTING THE SOIL SAMPLE" (Attorney Docket No. 92108/9001), the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

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